(b) if so, what are the measures taken to approve the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The State Government submit major and medium irrigation project proposals as Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for techno-economic appraisal of the Central Water Commission. No such DPR proposing construction of vented dams across west flowing rivers and streams in Uttara Kannada, Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts of Karnataka has been received from the Government of Karnataka in the Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal.

(b) Does not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 18TH APRIL, 2005

Protocol for Members

*341. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the protocol arrangements and precedence available in States for the MPs in the matter of Government functions, travel reservations in Railways and Indian Airlines, reservation of Government accommodation, etc;

(b) whether any complaint/representation from MPs on this score have been received; and

(c) if so, the action taken to correct the lapses, if any?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) As per the Government instructions in public functions organised by the Central Government in various States, The Members of Parliament of the area are to be invariably invited and all courtesies extended to them as per the Warrant of Precedence. For reservations in Railways, Indian

Airlines and Government accommodations due priority is to be given to the Members of Parliament.

(b) and (c) Occasionally some complaints are received about non-observance of these instructions and in all such cases the matter is taken up with the concerned authority by the concerned Ministry/Department for report/remedial action.

Regional benches of Supreme Court

*342. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the that Indian Council of Jurists and the All India Bar Association have urged the Supreme Court to reconsider its decision against setting up regional benches of Apex Court in Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANSRAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) According to information received from the Supreme Court of India, no request has been received by them from the Indian Council of Jurists and the All India Bar Association to reconsider its decision against setting up of regional benches of Apex Court in Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai.

According to article 130 of the Constitution, "the Supreme Court shall sit in Delhi or in such other place or places as the Chief Justice of India may, with the approval of the President, from time to time, appoint." However, the Chief Justice of India as well as the Full Court have been consistently opposed to the proposal for setting up of Benches of the Supreme Court in the South and other regions of the country.

Recruitment of teachers by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

*343. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of teachers recruited by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that knowledge of Hindi is compulsory for the post of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas;